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The Commonwealth has provided an update on NDIS participants and workforce and COVID-19 as at Wednesday, 19 August 2020. The reporting will ensure accurate and timely information is being provided to the community. The data is collated through reporting mechanisms of the NDIS Quality and Safeguard Commission and compiled by the Commonwealth's NDIS Critical Response Group.

The Government reminds NDIS participants, disability support workers and NDIS providers of measures in place to support the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Victoria and New South Wales:

- NDIS participants can now use their NDIS funds to purchase PPE if they receive, on average, at least one hour a day of face-to-face daily living supports
- NDIS providers can claim for PPE used when delivering face-to-face supports to NDIS participants
- Self-managed participants and providers who are unable to source PPE through their normal channels can contact the National Medical Stockpile (NMS) to request face masks and other PPE at NDISCOVIDPPE@health.gov.au. More than a million face masks and other PPE has been allocated to the disability sector from the NMS.

Read the [Minister's media release](#) that includes the data as at Wednesday 19 August 2020.

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